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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Social workers are highly skilled and motivated  
3 professionals who dedicate their careers to helping people make  
4 positive changes in their lives; and

5           WHEREAS, There are more than 640,000 trained social work  
6 professionals in the United States and more than 12,000 in  
7 Illinois who work tirelessly in private and public social  
8 services agencies, hospitals, hospices, schools, universities,  
9 legislatures, private practices, corporations, and the  
10 military; and

11           WHEREAS, Social workers improve the fabric of society by  
12 advocating for accessibility, equality, fairness, and care for  
13 individuals and families who are the most vulnerable in  
14 society; and

15           WHEREAS, Social workers help people explore new  
16 opportunities in the face of serious life changes and  
17 challenges; and

18           WHEREAS, The social work profession was established more  
19 than 100 years ago to help Americans overcome poverty, illness,  
20 addiction, abuse, discrimination, and other adversities to  
21 reach their full potential; and

1           WHEREAS, The social work profession works to change systems  
2 and customs that limit the ability of vulnerable individuals  
3 and groups to lead fulfilling and productive lives; and

4           WHEREAS, Schools of social work train socially-conscious  
5 people to make a real difference in the world through service  
6 and leadership; and

7           WHEREAS, Social workers strengthen communities, expand  
8 options, and work to facilitate humane changes in policies and  
9 legislation that improve the lives of everyone; and

10          WHEREAS, Social workers begin each day believing they will  
11 give an individual, a family, or a community renewed hope in  
12 the future; therefore, be it

13          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we designate the month of March as Social Work Month in the  
16 State of Illinois; and be it further

17          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the National Association of Social  
19 Workers-Illinois Chapter with our sincere appreciation for  
20 their efforts.